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OBTAINING A CARBOXYLIC ACID AND ALCOHOL
FROM THE CORRESPONDING CARBOXYLIC ESTER

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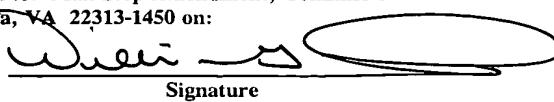
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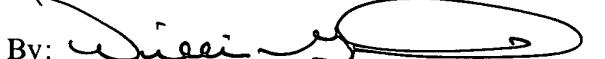

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Respectfully submitted,

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Sir or Madam:

I, Thomas Renner, associated with the preparation and prosecution of the above-identified application, residing at Hugo-Weiss-Str. 114, 81827 München, Germany, wish to call the attention of the Patent Examiner to the references enumerated on the enclosed PTO Form-1449.

I believe the documents enumerated on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 and attached thereto, are cited in the enclosed application, in an Office Actio of the German Patent and Trademark Office, in the International Preliminary Search Report and may be material to the examination of the application.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the foregoing Information Disclosure Statement be considered by the Examiner and incorporated into the file of this application.

I wish to comment as follows concerning the prior art references enumerated on PTO Form-1449:

US 4,352,940, cited in the application, is enclosed.

US 5,113,015, cited in the application, is enclosed.

US 5,770,770, cited in the application, is enclosed.

EP 1 220 825, cited in the application, is enclosed.

US 5,417,939, cited in the application, is enclosed.

US 5,470,542, cited in the application, is enclosed.

US 5,536,699, cited in the application, is enclosed.

WO 01/27062 A2, cited in the German Office Action as well as in the Preliminary International Search Report, is enclosed.

Signed this 10th day of June, 2005.



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